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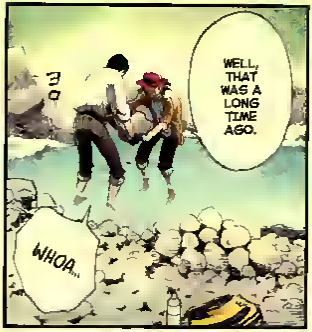
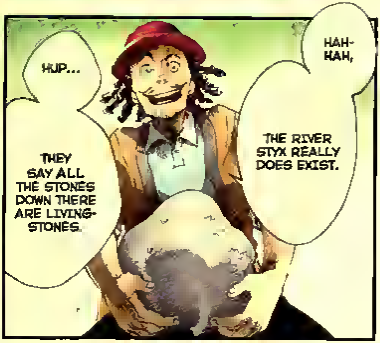
SOULS THAT LEAVE THE BODY TURN INTO STONE, BECOMING A "LIVINGSTONE."
SFX: SPLASH X2
Utility service
Livingstone
A LOT OF EARTH GOT WASHED DOWN-STREAM FROM THAT RAINSTORM LAST WEEK.
SFX: SPLASH
THOUGHT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND SOME INTERESTING STONES
CLINK

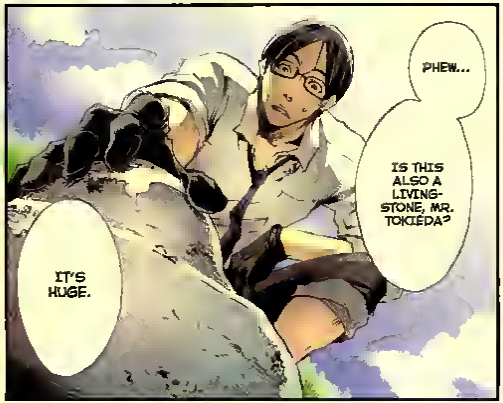
THE LIMESTONE BEARS THE MEMORY OF THE SOUL, FOR ALL ETERNITY.
AUTHOR 前川知大
ARTIST 片岡人生
CHAPTER 3 THE GAME BEGINS
IT'S LIKE WE'RE ON THE BANK OF THE RIVER STYX.
LOSS OF THIS WORLD IS INEVITABLE.
LIMESTONE
THE 3RD INSTALLMENT OF THE NEW SERIES THAT ASKS, "WHAT IS THE SOUL?"





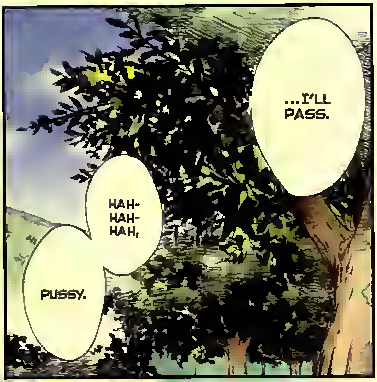
SFX: HOPPLE

SFX: SLOT



SFX. ZIGGY

HOW'S YOUR PARTNER?
OHH— AMANO?


...I'LL PASS.
HAH-HAH-HAH,
PUSSY.

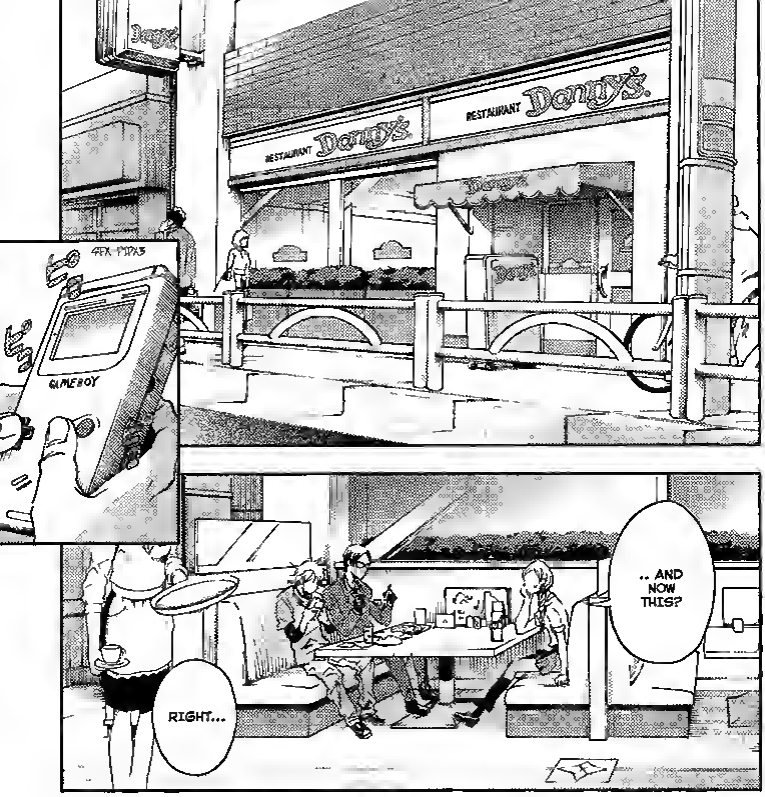
HE'S A FAST WORKER ...
BUT HE'S NOT LIKE MR SUZUKI, WHO I FIRST STARTED WORKING WITH.
IT'S LIKE HE DOESN'T HAVE TEARS AND BLOOD.

...THAT'S WHY SUZUKI IS FINISHED.
YOU DON'T NEED TEARS AND BLOOD.

THE STONES THOSE GUYS HAVE INSIDE THEM ARE SPECIAL. THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM HUMANS.
IT'S LIKE A MAGNET
THAT'S HOW THEY ATTRACT THE LIVING-STONES
I'M GETTING STOMACH PAINS FROM HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT HIM SO MUCH...
YOU'LL GET USED TO IT.
SFX: SIGH...
BUT, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE HAVING SOME TROUBLE, SO...
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT MAGNET...
IT'S ANNOYING HOW HE JUST GOES OFF ON HIS OWN SOMETIMES.

SFX. SHUFF

TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT. THEY'RE QUITE RARE THESE DAYS.
AMANO SHOULDN'T GET DISTRACTED AS LONG AS HE HAS THIS.
WOW. THANK YOU SIR.
I SHALL GIVE YOU THIS.
?
GAME BOY
...A GAME BOY...!?
RARE, ISN'T IT?



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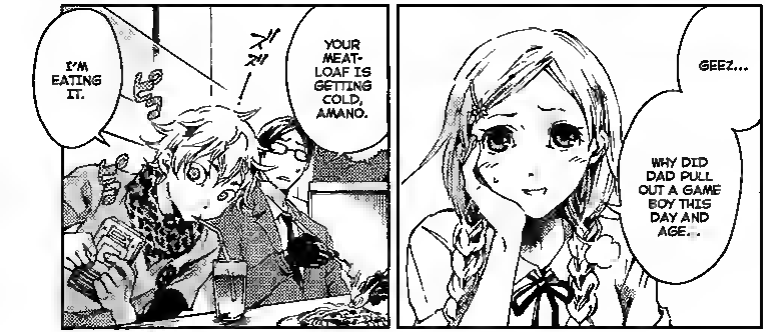

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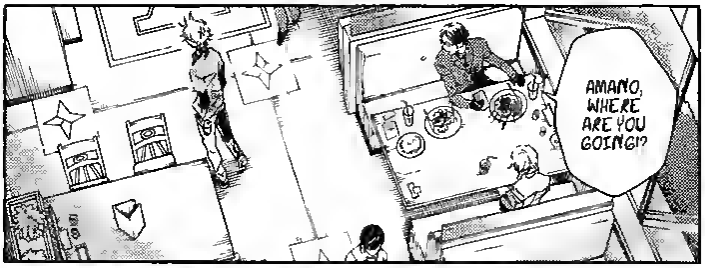
P-A
PIT
BA-NG
THIS ONE'S EASIER.
GRX ZZ-T
YOU LIKE COLA?
NOT REALLY.
GUESS HE'S NOT THAT INTERESTED IN FOOD...
WOK
EA-SIER..!?
BA-NG
PIT
8
AH
GAME BOY
!?
YEAH,
NOW I'LL HAVE AN EASIER TIME DEALING WITH HIM, AND...
WELL ..AT LEAST HE'S BEING A LOT QUIETER NOW, RIGHT?

SFX KNOCK!

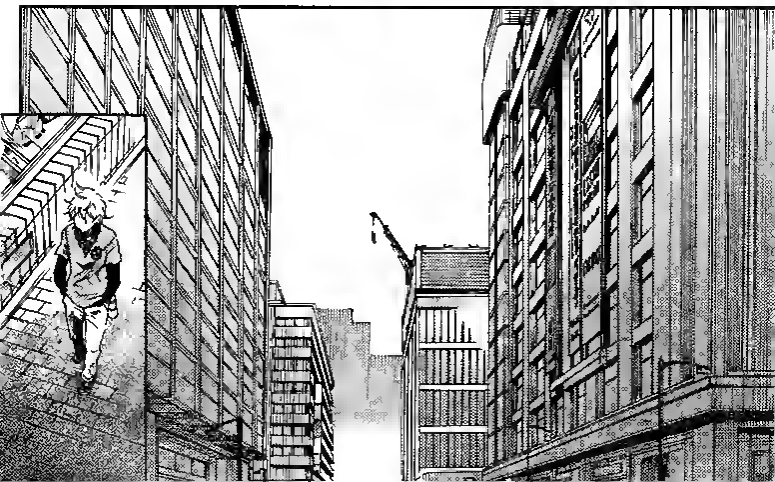
SFX. PIPIP
WOW, THIS BRINGS BACK MEMORIES
GAME BOY
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
SEE, YOU GET THIS ITEM LIKE THIS,
YOU GO HERE, JUMP 3 TIMES, THEN DO THIS.
DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE.
I'M NOT GETTING ANYWHERE.
WHA...! AMANO!?
IT'S SO EASY, WHY CAN'T YOU...
9
I CAN'T DO IT, ALRIGHT.
AND IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH WORK, EITHER.
SFX. GOTHUCK
LOOK,
HUH? IS HE ANGRY?
NAH, COULDN'T BE.



SFX: UZA

GUESS I'M GONNA BE RELYING ON STOMACH MEDICATION FOR A WHILE NOW...
GOOD LUCK
SORRY KAE I'LL SEE YOU LATER
MAYBE THIS IS WHAT RAISING CHILDREN IS LIKE
AHH— GEEZ, HE'S DOING IT AGAIN!

SFX: GATTAUZA



WHICKK...
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SFX: GONK
WAIT UP, AMANO!
I TOLD YOU, YOU CAN'T...!
.....?

THE STONES THOSE GUYS HAVE INSIDE THEM ARE SPECIAL.
—IT'S LIKE A MAGNET.
……!
THAT'S HOW—

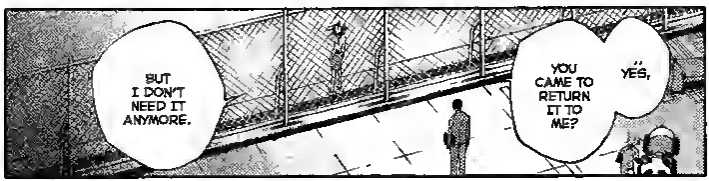
THEY ATTRACT THE LIVINGSTONES.

SFX: WHOOSH
SWOOSH
HUH?
SFX: WHOOSH

SFX: HUFF
WHOA, WHAT THE...!?
ば!!
THAT WAS CLOSE...!
ACK!
SFX: BLAM
!
...D-
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
HUFF
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU...!?
HUFF

A SUICIDE...
RIGHT...?
THIS HAS GOTTA BE...
.....

TRY NOT TO EXCITE HER, FOR NOW...
. THIS SHOE,
IS IT YOURS?


BUT I DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE.
YOU CAME TO RETURN IT TO ME?
.. YES,

BECAUSE I'M ABOUT TO TURN INTO A GHOST.

HEY, THIS THING ISN'T MOVING.
WELL YOU GOTTA PUT SOME MONEY IN.
—I MEAN, THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT!
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THE QUESTION IS, WHETHER THIS PERSON IS REALLY SERIOUS OR NOT.
STAY CALM... BE FRIENDLY...

LOOK, WHAT DO YOU PEOPLE WANT?

HEY, LADY.
ARE YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF DIVING PRACTICE?
IT'S ALL CONCRETE DOWN THERE

SFX TREMBLEXZ

I...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...! HOW COULD YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT...!
IT'S A JOKE!
HE'S JUST JOKING AROUND! HE WANTS YOU TO RELAX!
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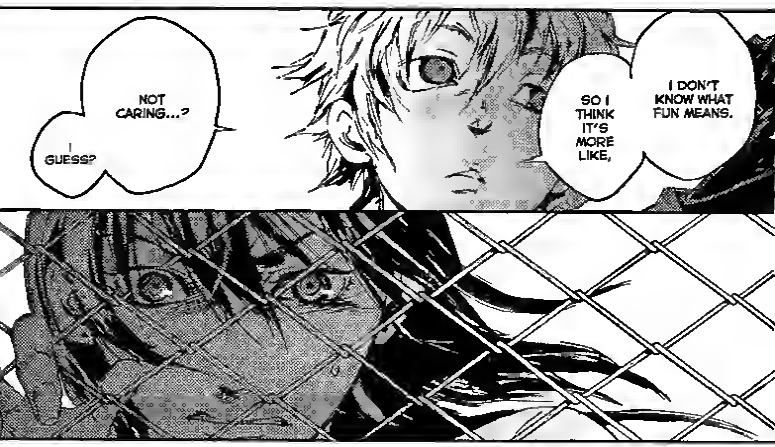
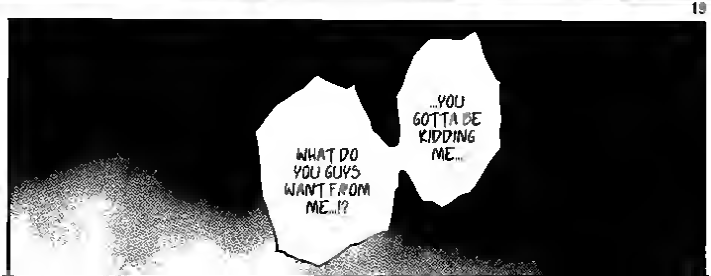
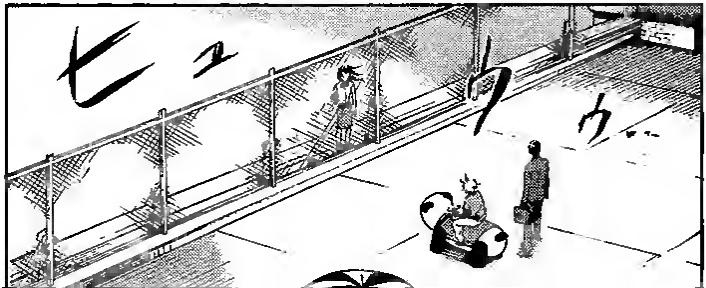
MY STO-MACH... MY STOMACH
GU
YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS, AREN'T YOU?
GO AWAY!
YOU THINK IT'S FUN TO TEASE SOMEONE WHO'S TRYING TO DIE?


I DON'T KNOW WHAT FUN MEANS.
SO I THINK IT'S MORE LIKE,
NOT CARING...?
I GUESS?


...YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME...
WHAT DO YOU GUYS WANT FROM ME...!?

WE'RE HERE,
TO SAVE YOU.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WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
I'M GONNA FUCKING KILL YOU!
HEY!
I'M TAKING A LOOK AT YOUR SOUL'S PLAN.
-THAT'S RIGHT THAT'S OUR JOB AFTER ALL.
IF SHE CAN YELL AT US, IT'S PROOF SHE HAS THE DESIRE TO LIVE...!
THEY SAY A HALF-HEARTED ATTEMPT AT PERSUASION CAN ACTUALLY STRENGTHEN A PERSON'S RESLOVE.
YEAH, GOOD COME OVER HERE
I AM! I TOLD YOU ALREADY!
ARE YOU GOING TO DIE OR NOT?
DON'T ASK ME THAT WHILE YOU'RE RIDING A FREAKING PANDA!
HEY! ARE YOU GUYS PLANNING ON STOPPING ME OR NOT!?

SHE'S DEFINITELY GOT A LOT OF ENERGY.
HER FULFILLMENT RATE IS 88%.
SOUL HAS 340 000 HOURS LEFT
NOTHING ABNORMAL.
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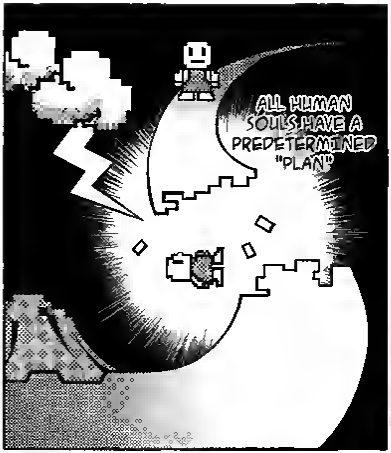
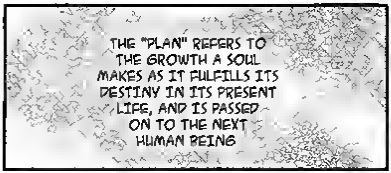
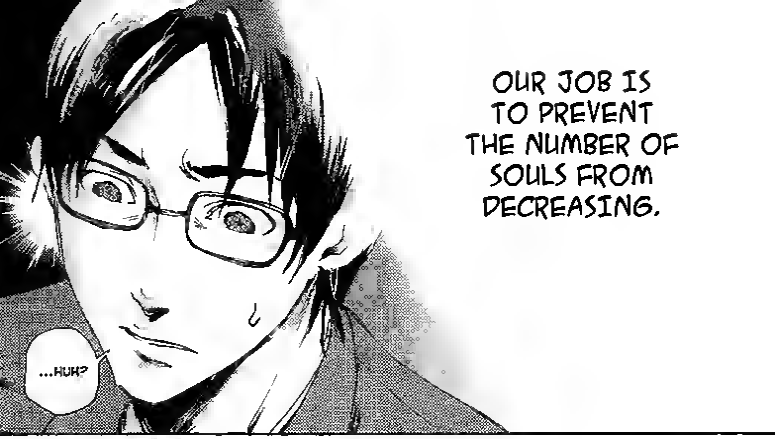
IT'S "UNPLANNED", AMANO.
OH, THEN IT'S...
...WORK AFTER ALL, HUH?
-OUR JOB IS,
...YEAH.

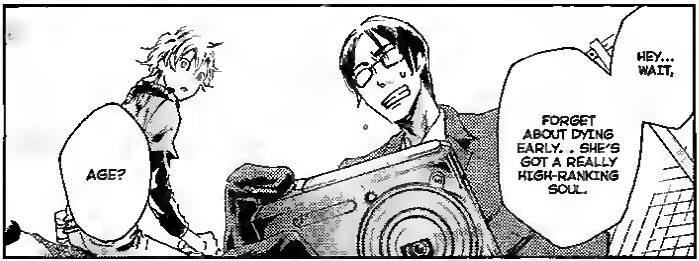

ALL HUMAN SOULS HAVE A PREDETERMINED "PLAN."

TO MANAGE SOULS.


THE "PLAN" REFERS TO THE GROWTH A SOUL MAKES AS IT FULFILLS ITS DESTINY IN ITS PRESENT LIFE, AND IS PASSED ON TO THE NEXT HUMAN BEING

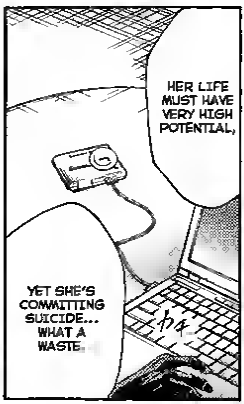
HOWEVER, THAT "PLAN" CAN COLLAPSE DUE TO ALL SORTS OF REASONS.


OUR JOB IS TO PREVENT THE NUMBER OF SOULS FROM DECREASING.
...HUH?


HEY... WAIT,
FORGET ABOUT DYING EARLY. . SHE'S GOT A REALLY HIGH-RANKING SOUL.
AGE?

SFX: RATTLE

GEEZ, WHAT ARE YOU GUYS KEEP ON MUMB-LING ABOUT..!?
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE, ALRIGHT!?


HER LIFE MUST HAVE VERY HIGH POTENTIAL,
YET SHE'S COMMITTING SUICIDE... WHAT A WASTE.

4000 YEARS.

YOU'RE FREE TO DIE, BUT WE CAN'T HAVE YOU COMMIT SUICIDE.
THAT WOULD GET THINGS MESSY.
—SO WE'LL BE TAKING THE PROPER MEASURES TO KILL YOU.
HUH?
IF YOU REFUSE TO PUT ON THIS SHOE,
MEANING,
AND ARE TRULY SERIOUS ABOUT ENDING YOUR LIFE...
I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOUR "SOUL" IS PROPERLY DISPOSED OF, AND HE'LL DO THE SAME FOR YOUR "FLESH."
HOW'S THAT?

SOUL ...?
OHH— I GET IT. SO IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME,
AND GLASSES OVER THERE IS GOING TO GET RID OF MY BODY, RIGHT?
THERE WON'T BE ANY TRACES LEFT.
YOU'LL VANISH FROM SOCIETY.

HAH ...
AH-HAH-HAH-HAH!
VANISH, HUH. THAT'S GOOD TOO.
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS ANYWAYS? YOU RUN A BUSINESS HELPING RUNAWAYS OR SOMETHING?
SO THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO RUN AWAY FROM?
YOU'LL HELP ME RUN AWAY?

...WOULD THAT WANT TO MAKE YOU CONTINUE LIVING?
27
OH,
HAH-HAH, THAT'S TRUE.
YOU CAN'T, YOU SAID YOU WERE GONNA DIE.
THIS PERSON IS STILL SEARCHING FOR A REASON TO LIVE.
ONE CHANGE OF MIND, AND THE SOUL WILL NEVER TRY THIS AGAIN.
IT'S ALRIGHT. SHE'S STARTING TO CALM DOWN.
.....
WOW...
GUESS THAT'S MORE THAN I COULD EVER ASK FOR.
THERE WON'T BE ANY PAIN WHAT SOEVER.
IF YOU'VE GOT THE WILL TO DIE, I CAN KILL YOU RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.

PERMISSION ...?
ALL I NEED IS YOUR SOUL'S PERMI-SSION.
IT'S A SIMPLE PROCE-DURE.

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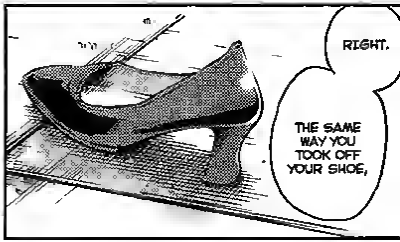
YOU'LL FORFEIT THE REMAINDER OF YOUR LIFE...
THIS IS A CEREMONY TAKING YOU FROM THIS WORLD TO THE NEXT.


THE SAME WAY YOU TOOK OFF YOUR SHOE,
RIGHT.

—ALRIGHT WITH YOU?
TO TAKE A LITERAL "STEP UP" INTO THE NEXT WORLD.

—YES.
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THANK YOU.
—DON'T WORRY. SHE'S ALL TALK...
THE SOUL CAN'T BE EXTRACTED UNLESS THE PERSON WANTS TO DIE FROM THE VERY BOTTOM OF THEIR HEART...
HIROMU KOU

CHAPTER 3 / END

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